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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tsutomu MATSUZAKI et al.

Title: CROSS MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group II, claims 16-33, drawn to a method of manufacturing a vehicle cross member. In this regard, Group II should include claims 31-33 which are method of manufacture claims.

Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of any non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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